THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD SALIM): Papers to be laid on the Table.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL) 1995-96 (NOVEMBER, 1995)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for the year 1995-96 (November, 1995)

MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE INDIAN TELEGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1995

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): Sir, I beg to move...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan): Sir, I have made a request. I have given it in writing. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, I have also given it in wiriting. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh) Sir, ...(*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): One at a time. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: I have given it in writing.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): I have received your request. You have the right to give it in writing. But, please allow him to move first. I have received some names. You will be given a chance.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, kindly add my name also.

SHRI SUKH RAM: Sir, I beg to move the...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU (West Bengal): Sir, we may be allowed to speak. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SUKH RAM: Sir, I have already circulated a statement giving the reasons for withdrawal of the Bill. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: It is a whitewash.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Sir, the Minister has circulated a particular statement which is with us. It is a clear whitewash and it is absolutely not convincing at all. This statement is a fraud on parliament. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, this statement does not throw any additional light. It only further strengthens our suspicion.

SHRI SUKH RAM: If you want, I can read this statement. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): The statement has already been circulated.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, we want a copy of the statement.

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR (Uttar Pradesh): We want a copy of the statement. When did he circulate it?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, the statement is not only evasive but it is also cryptic. It does not add anything to what we know already and it does not set our suspicion at rest.

SHRU SUKH RAM: I can read to statement. (*Interruptions*). If you want, I can read the statement.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Minister, we are in receipt of your luminous statement. But, our doubts persist.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, we may be allowed to make our submissions. It is a very important and sensitive issue. We may be allowed to make our submissions.

SHRI SUKH RAM: Sir, I seek the leave of the House...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Mr. Minister, are you moving the motion or are you reading the statement?